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THE PERRY MEMORIAL

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Building Committee—January 26th, 1912.

The Committee was called to order at the Hotel Willard, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., Chairman Worthington presiding.

Present—Chairman Geo. H. Worthington, Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., and Colonel Henry Watterson, constituting the committee, Architectural Adviser Frank M. Day and Secretary Webster P. Huntington.

Mr. Day stated that of the fifty-four sets of designs which had been received by the National Commission of Fine Arts in the competition for the Perry memorial, one set had arrived a few moments late under the terms of the program of competition.

On motion of Colonel Watterson, seconded by General Miles, it was voted that the said plans should be admitted to the competition and designated as design No. 54.

On motion of General Miles, seconded by Colonel Watterson, it was resolved that the committee should recess, to reconvene at the National Museum at 9:00 o'clock A. M., January 29th, 1912, in order to afford the members of the committee an opportunity to inspect the designs submitted in the competition for the Perry memorial during the interim.

Building Committee—January 29th, 1912

The committee reconvened at the National Museum, Washington, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., Chairman Worthington presiding.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Day submitted the following report:

Washington D. C., January 27, 1912.

To the Building Committee of the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report that after the issuance of the program for the Perry Memorial competition, all invited competitors were instructed as to the amendments approved by the Executive Committee and as to final arrangements for submission of drawings, and their questions were answered in a series of five bulletins. A program with the bulletins attached is herewith submitted.

While the drawings were being made, arrangements were perfected, through the courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution, for the use of exhibition and committee rooms in the new National Museum.

Before 12:00 noon January 20th, 1912, the time appointed for the receipt of the drawings, there had been received fifty-three sets of designs. The outer coverings were removed by the Museum authorities, and the designs, with their inner wrappings unbroken, were delivered to the exhibition rooms. They were there received by an officer representing the Commission of Fine Arts, who removed the inner wrappings and numbered the drawings, description and sealed envelope of each set with a number, identifying each as a component part of that set. The sealed envelopes were placed in the custody of Colonel Cosby and will there remain until a final decision as to the award of the prize and premiums has been reached.

The drawings and descriptions were delivered to your adviser, who directed the hanging of them by a corps of men placed at his disposal by the authorities of the Museum.

At 3:18 P. M., January 20th, 1912, a belated package of drawings arrived. By order of the Building Committee these drawings were also hung.

The Commission of Fine Arts visited the exhibition of designs on Thursday, Jan. 25th, and spent the whole of Friday, Jan 26th, in examining and passing on the designs and in preparing its report, the Building Committee being present during a part of this time. I have the honor, at the request of the Commission, to present you its report upon the merits of the designs submitted in competition.

In closing this report I would direct the attention of the Building Committee to the very great services rendered by the Smithsonian Institution through its Assistant Secretary in charge of the new National Museum, Mr. Richard Rathbun, in providing for your use an adequate and dignified meeting place and exhibition gallery and in furnishing a large force of skilled assistants, without whose aid the receipt, handling and hanging of the more than two hundred and fifty drawings on exhibition would have been attended with much difficulty and expense.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed) FRANK MILES DAY,
Adviser to the Building Committee.

Secretary Huntington submitted as follows the report of the Commission of Fine Arts relative to the competition for the Perry Memorial, the Commission consisting of Daniel H. Burnham, Chairman, Frederick Law Olmsted, Thomas Hastings, Daniel C. French,

Francis D. Millet, Cass Gilbert and Charles Moore, by Colonel Spencer Cosby, U. S. A., Secretary:

Washington, D. C., January 27, 1912.

To the Building Committee of the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners:

Gentlemen—Under the terms of the program of competition for the Perry Memorial, we beg to advise you as follows:

We select design No. 5 as presenting the most satisfactory solution of the problem, and we recommend that its author be appointed as architect.

In making this selection we heartily commend the design for its great beauty and for its significant appropriateness as the memorial of both a victory in battle and a century of peace and friendship between two nations. The design indicates that its author is thoroughly trained and has the skill and capacity to execute successfully the work to be entrusted to him.

For the first premium we name design No. 17, which more nearly approaches the excellence of design No. 5, than any other in the competition. For the second and third premiums we name respectively designs No. 34 and 54.

We hereby certify that designs No. 5, No. 17, No. 34 and No. 54 comply with the mandatory requirements of the program.

We have not found it necessary to ascertain whether each of the remaining designs complies with all these requirements, but we certify that two designs, namely, No. 1 and No. 21, have violated mandatory requirements. Even if designs No. 1 and No. 21 had not violated these requirements it would have made no difference in our advice to you, because neither of them approaches the standard of those considered for award.

The number of designs submitted, and the serious study and effort proven by the variety of these designs and the quality of the technical execution of the drawings, indicate a widespread interest in the competition among the most capable architects of the country.

By direction of the Commission of Fine Arts:

(Signed) Respectfully
SPENCER COSBY,
Colonel U. S. Army,
Secretary.

On motion the report of the Commission of Fine Arts by its Secretary was ordered received and placed on file.

General Miles submitted the draft of a report of the Building Committee to the Executive Committee relative to the competition for the Perry Memorial, and on motion the said report was thereupon unanimously adopted, signed and attested, as follows:

Washington, D. C., January 29, 1912.

To the Executive Committee of the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners:

Gentlemen—The Building Committee herewith hands you the following resolution, which it has unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Building Committee of the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners, after carefully

examining the drawings submitted in competition for the memorial, recommends to the Executive Committee that it accept the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts and award the prize of the competition to design No. 5 and thus appoint its author architect for the memorial; and that it award the first, second and third premiums to the authors of designs Nos. 17, 34 and 54 respectively.

The Building Committee is of the opinion that design No. 5 is an admirable solution of the problem and that it will make a memorial in all ways worthy of the great event which it is to commemorate.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON, Chairman.
NELSON A. MILES
HENRY WATTERSON

Attest:

WEBSTER P. HUNTINGTON,
Secretary.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Correct Attest:

GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON, Chairman.

WEBSTER P. HUNTINGTON,
Secretary.

Executive Committee—January 29th, 1912.

The committee convened at the National Museum, Washington, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., Chairman Worthington presiding.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll, and the roll call disclosed the attendance of the following members: President General George H. Worthington, Secretary General Webster P. Huntington, Treasurer General A. E. Sisson, Auditor General Harry Cutler, United States Commissioners Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark and General J. Warren Keifer, and State Commissioners John J. Manning, Ohio, Milton W. Shreve, Pennsylvania, George W. Parker, Michigan, Clinton B. Herrick, M. D., New York, John P. Sanborn, Rhode Island, and McKenzie R. Todd, Kentucky.

The Chair declared a quorum present.

General Miles presented the proxy of first Vice-President General Henry Watterson, and on motion it was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Commissioner John M. Whitehead of Wisconsin presented the proxy of Executive Committeeman A. W. Sanborn, of the same state, and on motion it was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary General and approved, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, seconded by Mr. Sisson.

Chairman Sisson, of the Committee on Legislation, Promotion and Publicity, made a verbal report relative to the establishment of a bureau of public subscriptions and the engagement of Commissioner McKenzie R. Todd of Kentucky as Financial Secretary of the Inter-State Board, as disclosed by the minutes of a joint meeting of the committees on Legislation, Promotion and Publicity and on Centennial Celebration, held November 17th, 1911.

On motion of Mr. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Shreve, it was voted that the report of Chairman Sisson should be received and adopted.

On behalf of the special committee appointed to investigate and report relative to concessions at Put-in-Bay Island, consisting of Commissioner John H. Clarke of Ohio, Commissioner John J. Manning of Ohio, and Secretary General Huntington, the latter reported that the committee as yet had not visited the Island but that assurances had been received indicating that action on their part could wisely be deferred until early Spring. On motion of Dr. Herrick, seconded by General Keifer, it was resolved that the committee should be continued.

On behalf of the special committee of two consisting of United States Commissioner Keifer and Secretary General Huntington, the former reported progress relative to the suggestion to make the city of Sandusky the location of the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1913. General Keifer suggested that the committee should be given further time. On motion of Mr. Sisson, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was resolved that the committee should be continued.

On behalf of the Commissioners representing the state of Rhode Island, Commissioner John P. Sanborn reported that the bill appropriating $25,000 for the Perry Memorial and the proposed centennial celebration, had passed both branches of the legislature of that state and had been signed by the Governor. Thereupon the Rhode Island Commissioners were informally congratulated by all present.

Chairman Worthington announced the presence of Mr. Denny B. Goode, representing the Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Publicity League of Louisville, Ky., and suggested that he be given a hearing.

The suggestion was informally agreed to.

Mr. Goode advised the committee of the interest manifested in the city of Louisville in behalf of a local celebration of the centennial anniversary of Perry's Victory, the Battle of the Thames and the events of the War of 1812, which had taken the form of a request from the Chamber of Commerce to the Executive Committee of the Perry's Victory Centennial for the co-operation of the Inter-State Board in whatever local celebration might be determined upon by the citizens of Louisville, preferably to be held during the week of October 5th, 1913.

On motion of Mr. Manning, seconded by Dr. Herrick, it was resolved that the civil authorities and civic and industrial organizations of Louisville, and the citizens thereof in general, should be assured of the co-operation of the Inter-State Board in whatever local celebration they might determine upon, and that an agreement as to a satisfactory date should be recommended by the Executive Committee to the representatives of the city of Louisville and the joint committees on Legislation, Promotion and Publicity and on Centennial Celebration, acting together.

Secretary General Huntington offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, and, the motion being seconded by General Miles, it was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the National Society United States Daughters of the War of 1812, State of Ohio, made application to the Governor of Ohio for the proper recognition of that organization by the Ohio Commissioners of the Perry's Victory Centennial prior to the organization of the Inter-State Board, but said application until the present time was never communicated to the Ohio Commissioners or to the Inter-State Board; and

Whereas, many if not all of the states participating in the centennial celebration and the erection of the Perry memorial have state societies of the said National organization of the Daughters of the War of 1812; therefore

Be it resolved, that the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners hereby acknowledges the suggestion of the said Ohio society looking to its participation in the Perry's Victory Centennial as being valuable and deserving acceptance.

Resolved, that this committee hereby recommends that the President of the said Ohio society shall communicate with the various branches of the national society of the Daughters of the War of 1812 in the states participating in the centennial enterprise, with a view to their appropriate co-operation therein, along such lines as may be agreed upon by the representatives of said societies and this committee.

Chairman Worthington, for the Building Committee, instructed the Secretary to offer the minutes of the meetings of that committee of January 26th and 29th, 1912, as a report to the Executive Committee relative to the conclusions of the Building Committee in reference to the competition for the Perry memorial.

On motion of Mr. Cutler, seconded by General Keifer, the report of the Building Committee as read by the Secretary was received and referred to the Inter-State Board.

Thereupon, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

Correct Attest:

GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON, Chairman.

WEBSTER P. HUNTINGTON,
Secretary.

Meeting of the Inter-State Board,—January 29th, 1912.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 o'clock P. M., in room 43 of the National Museum, President General Worthington presiding.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll, and the roll call disclosed the attendance of the following commissioners: United States Commissioners Miles, Clark and Keifer; Ohio, Commissioners Clarke, Worthington, Johannsen, Manning, Winkler and Holbrook; Pennsylvania, Commissioners Sisson, Shreve, Jones and Neff; Michigan, Commissioner Parker; Wisconsin, Commissioners Whitehead, Sanborn, Perry, Randolph, Bohmrich and Symonds; New York, Commissioners Simon, Emerson and Herrick; Rhode Island, Commissioners Sanborn, Mowry and Cutler; Kentucky, Commissioners Watterson, Wilson and Todd; Minnesota, Commissioner Windom.

The President General declared a quorum present.

The President General stated that the first order of business would be the reference to the Inter-State Board of the report of the Building Committee as submitted to the Executive Committee, relating to the competition for the Perry Memorial.

On motion of Mr. Sisson, seconded by Mr. Emerson, it was unanimously resolved that the said report should be received and filed, and that in pursuance thereof the author of design No. 5 is hereby selected as the architect of the memorial, the cost of which shall be determined by the Building Committee acting in conjunction with the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr. Shreve, seconded by Mr. Parker, it was unanimously resolved that the three premiums as provided for in the program of competition for the Perry Memorial issued by the Building Committee be awarded as recommended by the Commission of Fine Arts and the Building Committee.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by General Miles, the Board recessed until 3:00 o'clock.

At that hour the Board reconvened in the same place.

The President General announced the presence of Colonel Spencer Cosby, U. S. A., Secretary of the Commission of Fine Arts, and thereupon introduced Colonel Cosby to the assembled Commissioners.

At the conclusion of a few appropriate remarks Colonel Cosby presented to President General Worthington the sealed envelopes containing the names of the architects designated by numbers as the authors of the four prizes recommended by the Commission of Fine Arts and the Building Committee, under the terms of the program of competition.

The President General thereupon opened the envelopes and disclosed the following names of the winners:

First prize as architect of the Perry Memorial, J. H. Freedlander and A. D. Seymour, Jr., 244 Fifth Avenue, New York City, authors of design No. 5.

First premium, James Gamble Rogers, 11 East 24th Street, New York City, author of design No. 17;

Second premium, Paul Cret, 1530 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, author of design No. 34;

Third premium, Dillon, McLellan & Beadel, 1123 Broadway, New York City, authors of design No. 54.

Mr. Day suggested the advisability of certain resolutions of thanks to be tendered to those who had contributed to the success of the present meetings.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Todd, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners be and they are hereby tendered to the Commission of Fine Arts for acting as an advisory jury in the award of the competition for the Perry memorial. The Board is deeply sensible of the weight of its indebtedness to the Commission for its expert and disinterested services in selecting the several designs named in its report; and the Board is happy to inform the Commission that it has ratified that report by making all awards in consonance with the advice given therein.

On motion of Mr. Whitehead, seconded by Mr. Winkler, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners, realizing the deep interest shown by the architects who have participated in the competition for the Perry Memorial and the value of the services performed by them, extends its hearty thanks to them for having enabled it to make choice of an architect through the medium of so many varied and admirable solutions of the problem. The Board regrets that by the very nature of the case it is unable to requite the competitors in ways that would fully express its obligation to them.

On motion of Mr. Shreve, seconded by Mr. Bohmrich, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners hereby expresses its thanks to the Secretary and Regents of the Smithsonian Institution and to Mr. Richard Rathbun, Assistant Secretary in charge of the new National Museum, for the admirable exhibition and meeting rooms placed at the disposal of the Executive Committee and Inter-State Board and for the courtesies accorded to them on the occasion of the judgment of the competition for the Perry Memorial; and, further, that the thanks of the Board be extended to Superintendent Goldsmith, of the Museum, for the great assistance he and the staff under him have rendered on this same occasion.

On motion of Mr. Sisson, seconded by Admiral Symonds, the Secretary General was authorized and directed to telegraph the congratulations of the Building Committee and Inter-State Board to the architects successful in the competition.

On motion of Dr. Herrick, seconded by Judge Wilson, Financial Secretary Todd and Secretary General Huntington were designated a committee of two to provide for the copyright protection of design No. 5, in the name of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commission.

On motion of Mr. Whitehead, seconded by Mr. Bohmrich, the President General and Secretary General were instructed to communicate the thanks of the Inter-State Board to the competitors who had made the exhibit of designs of the Perry memorial so notably successful.

General Miles addressed the Chair on the subject of the historic interest of Gibraltar Island and its appropriateness as the site of the Perry Memorial in case events should point to its final selection rather than to the retention of the site already acquired, and concluded by offering the following resolution:

Resolved, that, if it be found upon thorough and careful examination, the proposed site of the Perry's Victory monument is impracticable, unsuitable and therefore undesirable, and if it be found that a suitable site on Gibraltar Island can be had at a reasonable figure, then the Executive Committee is hereby authorized to acquire it and to construct the monument thereon.

A general discussion followed.

Mr. Johannsen moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the words "Gibraltar Island" the words "or elsewhere on Put-in-Bay Island." General Miles accepted the amendment and moved the

adoption of the resolution, and, the motion being seconded by Mr. Sanborn of Rhode Island, it was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Sisson, seconded by General Miles, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Frank Miles Day for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of architectural adviser to the Building Committee.

Judge Wilson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Executive Committee or some subsidiary committee of the Inter-State Board be designated by the Executive Committee at once to consider and make report on the following matters, viz.:

First. Whether the site of the Perry memorial be finally located on Put-in-Bay Island or be secured on Gibraltar Island.

Second. Its conclusion as to the design for the Perry Memorial, suitable to the events commemorated and commensurate with our means, which should finally be adopted.

Third. To what extent utilitarian features should be incorporated in the memorial.

Fourth. How much shall be spent on the memorial and how much on the celebration, of the funds appropriated and hereafter to be appropriated.

Fifth. How much shall be spent in ornamentation.

Sixth. In taking this action to confer with the architect of the memorial and members of the various Commissions participating.

Judge Wilson moved that the resolution be referred to the Executive Committee, and, the motion being seconded by Dr. Neff, it was so referred.

Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, and, the motion being seconded by Mr. Winkler, it was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that the Building Committee be and it is hereby authorized to employ such advice and assistance and to enter into such contract as in its judgment may be necessary or desirable for the construction of the Perry Memorial within the limit of cost to be determined by the Executive Committee, the expenditure of which sum is hereby approved by this Board.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, seconded by Mr. Johannsen, the meeting adjourned.

Correct, Attest:

GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON,
President-General.

WEBSTER P. HUNTINGTON,
Secretary-General.

Joint meeting of the committee on Legislation, Promotion and Publicity and the committee on Centennial Celebration.

Washington, D. C., January 29th, 1912.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 o'clock P. M. at the

Hotel Willard, Chairman Sisson, of the Committee on Legislation, Promotion and Publicity, presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the joint committee, held at Cleveland, O., November 17th, 1911, were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Rhode Island, seconded by Mr. Parker, the President General and Treasurer General of the Inter-State Board were authorized to audit and approve for payment all bills except fixed charges already provided for, pending the action of the Executive Committee of the Inter-State Board in reference thereto.

Secretary Huntington presented the resolution relating to the United States Daughters of the War of 1812, appearing in the minutes of the Executive Committee of this date. On motion of Dr. Herrick, seconded by Judge Wilson, the action of the Executive Committee in adopting the resolution was endorsed.

Upon motion of Judge Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sanborn of Rhode Island, a resolution was adopted inviting the co-operation in the centennial celebration of all patriotic organizations such as the Order of the Cincinnati, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Loyal Legion, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish-American War Veterans and their allied organizations.

On motion of Mr. Winkler, seconded by Mr. Whitehead, it was resolved that the joint committee should tentatively endorse the suggestion of the week of July 22nd, 1913, as the period of the local centennial celebration to be observed by the citizens of Cleveland, O.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Rhode Island, seconded by Mr. Whitehead, it was resolved that the joint committee should tentatively endorse the suggestion of the week of October 5th, 1913, as the period of the local centennial celebration to be observed by the citizens of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Emerson made a statement in reference to the proposed local celebration by the citizens of Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Sanborn of Rhode Island offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the joint committee hereby tentatively endorses the suggestion of the week of August 7th, 1913, as the period of the local centennial celebration to be observed by the citizens of Buffalo, N. Y.

Resolved, that all other dates for local celebrations to be agreed upon, shall be fixed tentatively in the discretion of a special committee of three, consisting of the Chairman of the present joint committee and the Financial Secretary and the Secretary General of the Inter-State Board.

Mr. Sanborn moved the adoption of the resolution, and, the motion being seconded by Mr. Todd, it was unanimously adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Correct Attest:

A. E. SISSON,
Chairman.

WEBSTER P. HUNTINGTON,
Secretary.

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